

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Talbot
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	
The Wilderness	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
South side of Island Neck Road, 4.8 miles southwest of Trappe			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Trappe		First	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Maryland	24	Talbot	011

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME:			
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ewing			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
The Wilderness			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	
Trappe	Maryland	24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:			
Talbot County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Easton	Maryland	24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wilderness is situated on a large farm in Talbot County overlooking the Choptank River. Its construction is attributed to two periods, the smaller two and one half story, four bay long brick structure to the 1780-90 period, and the larger portion to around 1815.

The walls are laid in Flemish bond and the jack arches of the 1815 portion have reeding around the three pieces of the stone arches. There are 6/6 sash and louvered shutters at the window. The original dentil cornice appears intact. There are three chimney stacks, that on the northwest gable having double chimneys connected by a curtain wall, with pent between for access to the roof. There are two dormers on both portions of the "A" roof.

Inside the earlier portion, part of the simple woodwork appears original. This portion of the dwelling also possesses some original 9/6 sash. Its floor plan now consists of two rooms, but may originally have been two rooms with center stairhall. The 1815 portion has a typical townhouse plan of the period, with large stair hall having two rooms to the northwest. Separating the hall is an elliptical arch having paneled pilasters and keystone at the top of the arch, the paneling is the same in the window jambs. The stair has turned newels, rectangular balusters, and a wave-like design for the step ends. The chair rail has reeded work in each of the three rooms, however the mantels are antique Adam replacements.

Recent additions to the house include a porch, partially enclosed, on the southwest and a small kitchen on the southeast. During the first part of this century, the northeast wall of the earlier portion was moved forward approximately six feet to create more interior space. At that time the entire structure was painted white. Adjoining the house are two early outbuildings, a smokehouse and dairy. Not too far distant is a dilapidated quarter.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The most important reason for nominating The Wilderness to the National Register is the fact that it was the home of Daniel Martin, 20th Governor of Maryland. The structure is also an important element in the development of Maryland's domestic architecture.

The land on which the Wilderness stands was originally patented as "Hier Dier Lloyd" to Edward Lloyd (I) in 1659 and consisted of 3040 acres between Island Creek, Grosidore Creek and Road Creek, on the Choptank River in Talbot County. In 1683, the Wilderness was surveyed out of the larger tract, but it was not until the late eighteenth century that the present building was constructed. It was during the period when both portions of the dwelling were constructed (1780 - 1815) that the most important history occurred.

Nicholas Martin was member of the lower house of Maryland Assembly between 1780 - 1795. He is attributed with the construction of the smaller portion of the dwelling on land which he inherited from his father. He was a Captain of a company of the 38th Battalion of the Maryland Militia. Upon his death in 1808 the Wilderness passed to his son Daniel.

Daniel Martin (1780 - 1831) was educated at St. John's Annapolis in agriculture to carry on the family plantation. He constructed the larger Federal style portion of the Wilderness about 1815. In 1816 he married Mary Clare Maccubbin of Annapolis. Between 1819 - 1821 he was a member of the Maryland Legislature. In 1828 he was elected twentieth Governor of Maryland for a term of one year, and again in 1831 he was elected Governor, but died during his term. His terms were too short for any major contribution, but he considered himself a public servant and urged his legislature to be frugal with public expenditure.

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B. HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dachholz, Heinrich Ewald. Governor's of Maryland from the Revolution to 1908. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins Company, 1908, 104-108.

Earle, Swepson. Chesapeake Bay County. Thomsen - Ellis Company, Baltimore Baltimore. 1924 - second edition, 370-73.

Earle, Swapson. Maryland's Colonial Eastern Shore. Baltimore. 1916, 59.

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C. PHYSICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 38' 36"	76° 07' 67"				
NE	38° 38' 29"	76° 07' 52"				
SE	38° 38' 06"	76° 08' 12"				
SW	38° 38' 17"	76° 08' 33"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

65 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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D. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		Michael Bourne, Coordinator for Field Survey	
ORGANIZATION	DATE		
Maryland Historical Trust	April 30, 1973		
STREET AND NUMBER:			
2525 Riva Road			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE	
Annapolis	Maryland	21	

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Orlando Ridout
Orlando Ridout, IV

Title State Historic Preservation
Officer for Maryland

Date August 2, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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First Census of the United States - 1790 - Maryland, Baltimore.
Geneological Publishing Company, 1965.

White, Frank F., Jr. The Governor's of Maryland. Publication No. 15.
The Hall of Records Commission, Annapolis, 1970, 91.

Talbot County Land Records.



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112%

50% 144

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N.E. elev.

M. Bowne

7/71



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S.W. elev.

M. Bourne

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N.W. elev.

M. Bourne 7/71